

Article - Family Law

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§9.5–111.

(a) A court of this State may request the appropriate court of another state to:

- (1) hold an evidentiary hearing;
 - (2) order a person to produce or give evidence in accordance with procedures of that state;
 - (3) order that an evaluation be made with respect to the custody of a child involved in a pending proceeding;
 - (4) forward to the court of this State a certified copy of the transcript of the record of the hearing, the evidence otherwise presented, and any evaluation prepared in compliance with the request; and
 - (5) order a party to a child custody proceeding or any person having physical custody of the child to appear in the proceeding with or without the child.
- (b) On request of a court of another state, a court of this State may hold a hearing or enter an order described in subsection (a) of this section.
- (c) Travel and other necessary and reasonable expenses incurred under subsections (a) and (b) of this section may be assessed against the parties according to the law of this State.
- (d) (1) A court of this State shall preserve the pleadings, orders, decrees, records of hearings, evaluations, and other pertinent records with respect to a child custody proceeding until the child attains 18 years of age.
- (2) On appropriate request by a court or law enforcement official of another state, the court shall forward a certified copy of those records.

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